

Wednesday, September 20, 1995

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Agriculture Appropriations, 1996.

House passed the National Highway System bill and agreed to the conference report on military construction appropriations.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13883–S13991*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1262–1264, S. Res. 175, and S. Con. Res. 27. **Page S13972**

#### Measures Passed:

**Agriculture Appropriations, 1996:** By 95 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 450), Senate passed H.R. 1976, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S13911–19**

#### Adopted:

Bumpers/Bryan Modified Amendment No. 2699, to reduce funding to carry out the market promotion program and to target assistance to small companies. By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 449), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment. **Page S13914**

#### Rejected:

(1) Feingold/McCain Amendment No. 2697, to prohibit the use of appropriated funds for the special research grants program that is not subject to a competitive approval process. By 64 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 447), Senate tabled the amendment. **Pages S13911–12**

(2) By 34 yeas to 64 nays (Vote No. 448), Conrad Modified Amendment No. 2698, to provide that producers of a 1995 crop are not required to repay advance deficiency payments made for the crop if the producers have suffered a loss due to weather or related condition. **Pages S13912–13**

Senate insisted on its amendments, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair appointed the following conferees: Senators Cochran,

Specter, Bond, Gorton, McConnell, Burns, Hatfield, Bumpers, Harkin, Kerrey, Johnston, Kohl, and Byrd.

**Pages S13918–19**

**Granting Consent of Congress:** Senate passed S.J. Res. 20, granting the consent of Congress to the compact to provide for joint natural resource management and enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to natural resources and boating at the Jennings Randolph Lake Project lying in Garrett County, Maryland and Mineral County, West Virginia, entered into between the States of West Virginia and Maryland. **Page S13988**

**National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 147, designating the weeks beginning September 24, 1995, and September 22, 1996, as “National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S13990**

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 27, to correct enrollment of H.R. 402. **Page S13990**

**Foreign Operations Appropriations, 1996:** Senate began consideration of H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, with committee amendments, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S13885–S13911, S13919–71**

#### Adopted:

(1) Reid Amendment No. 2711, to prohibit female genital mutilation. **Pages S13928–30**

(2) Kassebaum Amendment No. 2710, to express the sense of the Congress that the United States should strongly support the peace process in Liberia. **Pages S13927, S13933–36**

(3) McConnell (for Specter) Amendment No. 2714 (to committee amendment on page 81, lines 16–23),

to allow training of foreign police forces during and after U.S. military operations. **Pages S13932–36**

(4) McConnell Amendment No. 2715 (to committee amendment beginning on page 66, line 1 through page 68, line 24), relating to competitive financing. **Pages S13932–36**

(5) McConnell (for Mack) Amendment No. 2716, to require a report providing a concise overview of the prospects for economic growth on a broad, equitable, and sustainable basis in the countries receiving economic assistance under title II of this Act. **Pages S13932–36**

(6) McConnell (for Stevens) Amendment No. 2717, to provide surveying and mapping related services through contracts entered into through competitive bidding to qualified U.S. contractors. **Pages S13932–36**

(7) McConnell (for Bingaman) Amendment No. 2718, to reduce the energy costs of Federal facilities for which funds are made available under this Act. **Pages S13932–36**

(8) McConnell (for Mack) Amendment No. 2719, to require certification by the Secretary of State that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development has not approved any loans to Iran. **Pages S13932–36**

(9) McConnell (for Mack) Amendment No. 2720, to require additional reports pursuant to the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act of 1992. **Pages S13932–36**

(10) McConnell (for Mack) Amendment No. 2721, to require a report providing a concise overview of the prospects for economic growth on a broad, equitable, and sustainable basis in the countries receiving economic assistance under title II of this Act. **Pages S13932–36**

Subsequently, the adoption of this amendment was vitiated. **Page S13946**

(11) McConnell (for Leahy) Amendment No. 2722, to express the sense of the Congress that the Administration should expeditiously declassify documents relating to persons who allegedly “disappeared” in Honduras. **Pages S13932–36**

Rejected:

(1) D’Amato Amendment No. 2709, to limit Economic Support Fund assistance to Turkey. (By 60 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 451), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S13920–24**

(2) By 39 yeas to 58 nays (Vote No. 453), Smith Amendment No. 2723 (to committee amendment on page 11, lines 8–10), to prohibit financial assistance to Vietnam unless certain conditions relating to Americans unaccounted for from the Vietnam War are met. **Pages S13936–42**

Pending:

Helms (for Dole/Helms) Amendment No. 2707 (to committee amendment on page 2, line 25), to provide for the streamlining and consolidation of the foreign affairs agencies of the United States. **Pages S13906–08**

Brown Amendment No. 2708 (to committee amendment beginning on page 15, line 17 through page 16, line 24), to clarify restrictions on assistance to Pakistan. (By 37 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 452), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S13908–11, S13919, S13924–28, S13942–71**

Murkowski Amendment No. 2712, to set forth requirements for implementation of the Agreed Framework Between the United States and North Korea Act relating to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization. **Pages S13930–32**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, September 21, 1995. **Page S13991**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Susan Robinson King, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

James William Blagg, of Texas, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Texas for the term of four years. **Page S13991**

**Messages From the House:** **Page S13972**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S13972**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S13988–90**

**Record Votes:** Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—453) **Pages S13912, S13913, S13914, S13918, S13924, S13927, S13942**

**Recess:** Senate convened at 9:15 a.m., and recessed at 10:51 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Thursday, September 21, 1995. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s RECORD on page S13991.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original